



## *Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter February 2022*



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### *Business of the Month: Farm Credit*



Farm Credit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services, today and tomorrow. That's our mission. And we serve every part of agriculture from the smallest operations to the largest – and everything in between. Farm Credit is a nationwide network of 70 customer-owned financial institutions. Across all 50 states and Puerto Rico, we provide loans and related financial services to U.S. farmers and ranchers, farmer-owned cooperatives and other agribusinesses, rural homebuyers and rural infrastructure providers. From our start in 1916, Farm Credit has been serving rural communities and agriculture for more than 100 years.

This rich history has helped us build an extraordinary depth of understanding of rural credit needs. As we fulfill our mission, we focus on our customers. As cooperatives, they own and govern each Farm Credit institution. And they are at the heart of everything we do.





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## Ski - Hi Stampede Colorado's Oldest Pro Rodeo



Ross Griffin stays aboard Salt River Rodeo's Wild Horse Mary for an 81 point ride.

Founded in 1919, the Ski-Hi Stampede has continued for nine decades with three years deducted — two during World War II and one during COVID-19. According to old newspaper reports, the first Stampede was held on Aug. 11-13, 1919, with more than 10,000 attending the event. Since that time, the Ski-Hi Stampede has received four nominations for PRCA Small Rodeo of the Year and has come to be recognized as a mainstay of San Luis Valley history and culture. The annual Stampede festivities feature a kick-off concert, three performances of PRCA rodeo, a carnival, parades and dances. The event continues to gain in popularity and remains the premier event of the summer for the San Luis Valley. The



Stampede concert attracts the largest crowds in the Valley and has featured numerous high-profile county music artists including Josh Turner, Thomas Rhett and Old Dominion. Over the years, icons such as Chris LeDoux and the Charlie Daniels Band have also made stops in Monte Vista. The Ski-Hi Stampede also provides opportunities for the SLV community. Those opportunities include the chance for local amateurs to compete for trophy saddles in team roping, tie-down roping and barrel racing. Furthermore, the Stampede Committee partners with Adams State University to provide scholarships to local students who demonstrate community involvement. The event is relatively unique in that it features a variety of entertainment choices and remains a social gathering that families have been known to return to annually.

# SKI-HI STAMPEDE

## COLORADO'S OLDEST PRO RODEO



[Click Here for More Information on Ski - Hi Stampede](#)

## *Happenings in February!*



Southern Rocky Mountain  
*Agriculture Conference*  
Colorado State University & The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce

**FEBRUARY 7, 8, 9, 2023**

OUTCALT EVENT & CONFERENCE AT SLV SKI HI COMPLEX  
MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

**AGCONFERENCESRM.COM**

 **SURVIVING & THRIVING**  
*A conference on resilience and sustainability*



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### Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Conference

**Dates and Times:**  
**February 7th and 8th**  
**7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
**February 9th**  
**7:30 A.M. - 12:00**

#### **Location:**

**Outcalt Conference Center at Ski Hi Event Complex : 2345 Sherman Avenue : Monte Vista, CO 81144**

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**Soil Sangre De Cristo Hosts**



## **Michael Jones, Jones Farm**

### **Organics, Hooper, CO** - Jones

Farm has a history of using regenerative farming methods preserving water and enriching the soil where our food is grown. Michael will discuss the future of farming and ranching in South Central Colorado during the severe drought.

### **Date and Time:**

February 1st, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

### **Location: Virtual Event**

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## **Wolf Creek Valentine's Day Fun Race**

Race your friends or just challenge your own fastest time. Free and open to skiers and boarders of all ages and abilities. Sign up is from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Raven's Nest building and the race is from 11am to 1pm on Charisma run.

### **Date and Time:**

Sunday, February 12, 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM

### **Location:**

Wolf Creek Ski Area

**E Hwy 160 E, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147**

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## *Member Updates*



*We hope you decide to  
move messages from*

### **New Members:**

- Challenger Roofing, LLC
- High Point Security, LLC
- Thirty-One Gifts
- Strait Line Fencing
- Grower Shipper Potato

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- Company
- Rocky Mountain Plumbing Supplies
  - Mark Lounsbury

## **Renewing Members:**

- Taqueria Y Antojitos Los Lopez
- Alcon Construction
- Ecodynamics
- Edward Jones
- Harold & Margaret Rominger
- Jack's Market Pharmacy
- Karla Shriver
- Master Print & Web Design
- Monte Vista School District
- Valley Publishing
- Wall, Smith and Bateman

Do you have an event in the San Luis Valley that you would like to add to our website? Please click the button below to fill out an Event Submission Form with as much information as possible. We will add the event to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website as soon as possible and will contact you if we have any further questions about the event.

Thank you!

**Event Submission Form**

